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Away from home, Lawrentians cope with tsunami

Beth McHenry
News Editor

With a current death toll of more than 155,000, the under-sea earthquake of December 26 and the resulting tsunami is sure to be remembered as one of the worst natural disasters in history. However, for Lawrence students with family, friends, and homes in affected countries — primarily Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, Somalia, and Malaysia — the tsunami and its effects are unusually personal.

As with any disaster, the news of the tsunami was unbelievable for many. Alvina Tan was shocked to hear that her home country, Malaysia, had experienced a tsunami. "No one would ever imagine a tsunami in Malaysia; we are hardly exposed to any kind of natural disasters, except for floods and the occasional landslides. It wasn't until I read in the newspapers and saw on CNN the magnitude of the earthquake/tsunami and its

impact, that I realized that it was true."

The devastation caused by the earthquake and tsunami is monumental. Unfortunately, there is reason to believe that numbers in the news here in the United States are not accurately portraying the death tolls. Students estimate that technology and techniques used in censuses in many of the affected countries, such as India, are inaccurate. In another example, Tan relates that friends in Myanmar have said that Myanmar is not featured in the news as much as areas with less serious damage, perhaps for political reasons.

Of course, survivors of the tsunami are now faced with the aftermath of the disaster. Those who are experiencing the fallout describe images of sickening proportions. The family of Freya D'almeida, like others in Sri Lanka, has been working around the clock with relief efforts, however, there are simply not enough medical supplies, hospitals, money, or people to adequately care for the

dead and dying.

D'almeida related that in Sri Lanka, the bodies of the dead are being burned; there is no longer enough space, time, or manpower to bury the corpses. Furthermore, the ecosystem could not accommodate the sheer numbers of such an undertaking. According to one BBC correspondent, "a stench hangs over Sri Lanka." In some areas, says D'almeida, people step over bodies "like they are stones in the street."

Furthermore, the rebuilding of most areas will be extremely difficult. D'almeida says that the most of the hotels in Sri Lanka were destroyed. Since Sri Lanka relies on its tourist trade, she adds that the country will not be the same for countless years.

For Lawrentians, the most difficult part of the past weeks has been nervously waiting for news of family and friends and the frustrating inability to help relief efforts in abroad. Tan says that her concern extended not only to her own family and

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Photo courtesy of homepage.mac.com/demark/tsunami/2.html

Devastation along the Banda Aceh Shore in Indonesia after the tsunami reveals a changed coast.

Lawrence to add permanent athletic director position

Andy York
Staff Writer

This past week, Dean of the Faculty Kathy Murray sent an e-mail and a press release out to students, faculty, staff and the general public, stating that Lawrence is in the process of looking to hire a permanent athletic director. Currently the athletic director is Kim Tatro, the head softball coach, and her assistant athletic director is John Tharp, men's basketball coach.

The switching over from coaches possessing the athletic director position to a new full-time staff member is due to a review of the athletic department's budgeting and acting procedures. Murray is quoted in the release stating, "It has become apparent that we need a full-time administrator, an individual who is not tied to any coaching responsibilities, to provide strong leadership for this department with which more than 30 percent of our students are involved."

The funding for the new full-time administrator is newly found due to some reconfiguring of the athletics department. The move toward a full-time athletic director is one that is becoming increasingly popular at the Division III level. Five of the other nine schools in the Midwest Conference have an athletic director who is not a coach at the college or university, and in the WIAC, the conference that has all the University of Wisconsin schools in it, only UW-River

Falls does not have a full time athletic director.

The timing of the announcement comes as Murray and President Beck are beginning an extensive look at the athletic department, and are looking to attempt to trim its budget. According to the United States Department of Post-Secondary Education, the athletic department budget for Lawrence in 2003-04 was a whopping \$1,063,195.

There is an immediate nationwide search underway for the new athletic director, who will attempt to aid in the budget cutting procedure. The committee who will be selecting the new athletic director is the faculty and student members of the Committee on Recreation and Intercollegiate Athletics. Currently the only student member on that committee which is appointed by LUCC is Sara Compas. Members of the athletics staff will also be in on the selection committee.

Lawrence has one of the most diverse athletics programs in the state. While there are many schools similar, and much larger in size than Lawrence, LU has the second largest athletics department behind the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison has 25 intercollegiate athletic teams, while Lawrence is a close second with 23. The athletic teams compete in a wide variety of conferences as well.

Most Lawrence athletic teams compete in the Midwest Conference,

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Watch for LUCC elections next week.

Tim Ruberton and Pete Snyder square off for the presidency, while Chris Bowman runs uncontested for vice president.

For information on candidates, attend Sunday's candidates forum at 2:30 in Riverview. (Packer game to follow.)

Statements from each candidate can be found on page 4.

Web registration to pull Lawrence out of 1900s

Katy Stanton
for The Lawrentian

As much as Lawrence has seemed to avoid it, students have now, albeit slowly, started to use up-to-date technology. The first floor of the library has wireless internet service, and coming next year, the registrar will introduce web registration for all returning students.

At this point, registrar Anne Norman and several student, staff, and faculty committees are finalizing plans for the system, which will be first introduced to students this spring term in order to register for next year's classes. Before it can be presented to the entire campus, the system must go through a series of tests. The first test will involve the committees; another will include volunteer students and their advisers.

After the committees determine if the system can withstand 300 students submitting their scheduling choices and changes at the same time, it will be available for use by the whole student body.

The biggest difference will be that, under the new system, students will no

longer waste as much time signing papers and waiting in long lines. "The rules are the same, it's only the process that has changed," said Norman.

Students are still required to meet with their faculty adviser to determine what classes will help towards their degree; however, once you meet, all the adviser does is click a box on the interface which signals to your account that you are free to add and drop classes at will. The click lasts for as long as the registration period lasts; the first two weeks or so of classes will be one click.

After the registrar closes and reports classes to the university, the first click is cleared and another meeting with an adviser is required for the continuing advance registration, and so on. After each click, students are free to register.

The only other difference with the web registration is that instead of being on a first-come, first-serve basis as it has been, students will be assigned "time tickets" according to their earned academic credits.

Students will be broken up into approximately six "time tickets" or groups, not including incoming freshmen. Each group will have 23 hours to

register. Each registration time will be over one business day, allowing students to meet with advisers and professors to get the required signatures. The process for getting signatures required for specific classes mirrors that of meeting with an adviser.

After every "time ticket" has gone through, the registrar will closed for about three days, and then will reopen on a first-come, first-serve basis, still using the web service. However, practically all other rules and procedures are the same as they are now.

Norman suggests that in preparation for the upcoming transition, students get familiar with Lawrence's Voyager system, watch their email for updates, and attend the forthcoming practice session.

Students and faculty members will be able to practice from February 14-25, essentially recreating their current schedules in order to familiarized themselves with the format and process. The first round of registration for the '05-'06 school year begins on April 24 and runs through May 3, and advance registration for '05-'06 continues from May 9 through June 4. The transition should be smooth and glitch-free.

Lawrence alum discusses life with AIDS Slow

Amanda Loder
Associate News Editor

Chuck Erickson, '03, had a story to tell his fellow Lawrentians last night with AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin worker Joe Brooks, '03, at "HIV and AIDS: Breaking the Silence." His story begins in an Ames, Iowa, hospital where — on June 16, 2004, at 11:30 a.m. — Erickson was diagnosed with AIDS. "I will never forget it for the rest of my life," Erickson said in a phone interview Wednesday. According to Erickson, the doctor who diagnosed him was very "emotional" since, "I was the third person she had ever had to tell that to," Erickson said.

The diagnosis came as a complete shock to Erickson. He had, in fact, been tested for HIV three months prior, and tested negative for the virus. Erickson had been hospitalized in May due to a case of bronchitis that developed into pneumonia. He had gone to the emergency room for treatment of a 105-degree fever that had not broken for several days. Eventually, Erickson was placed in the intensive care unit, where his fever eventually broke. While doctors had run a battery of tests, they had found no cause for

Erickson's medical difficulties until June 16, just as Erickson was preparing to leave the hospital.

Erickson's case is unusual in that he was diagnosed with AIDS without ever having been diagnosed with HIV. The doctors in Ames discovered Erickson had AIDS when they counted his immune system's T-cells. While the average person has 800-1200 T-cells, when Erickson was first tested, he had 16. Zero T-cells only occurs after death. For a diagnosis of HIV, a patient should consistently have a T-cell count of 200 or above, and for a diagnosis of AIDS, a patient consistently has a T-cell count below 200. Erickson's case was so severe that his infectious disease specialist told him that if his body did not accept his various AIDS medications, Erickson would die within four weeks.

"I started planning life both ways, if I should live, and if I should die," Erickson said. One of Erickson's first orders of business was to call his brothers in the Phi Kappa Tau and Sinfonia fraternities. Three Phi Taus came to Ames to help Erickson over Fall term: Dan Pelzer, Patrick McEachern, and Peter Iversen.

"I got better ... I'm doing much bet-

ter," Erickson said. After his recovery, Erickson contacted Phi Kappa Tau once again "because Phi Tau was looking for more outreach stuff and more community stuff," Erickson said, "I really feel that HIV and AIDS have really been put on the backburner."

As a case in point, Erickson cites the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, which was signed into law by President Clinton. In theory, the program allows Americans with "minimal health insurance and/or low income" to have their HIV/AIDS drugs completely paid for by the federal government. According to Erickson, the program was intended to be funded forever, but he suspects that funding has diminished during the Bush administration.

The lack of funding basically forced Erickson to wait for the 10 Iowans ahead of him on the waiting list to die of AIDS. For the first few months, he paid for his medicine out-of-pocket, about \$250 daily. "Essentially, I feel like the government has told me, 'We don't think you can be rehabilitated, so we don't really care about you,'" Erickson said. The improvement in Erickson's condition, however, has brought the cost of his medicine down to less than \$50 per

day, all of which is now covered by ADAP.

Although it is difficult living with AIDS, Erickson insists that the disease is not the "death sentence" it was in the 1980s. In fact, Erickson is in his last year of study for his master's degree in student affairs from Iowa State University, and works two jobs on campus. "I have full plans to keep trucking on and I have full plans to get a Ph.D.," Erickson said. "My dream is to eventually become a dean of students or a vice president of student affairs at a small college." The only difference between his job prospects before he got AIDS and now, Erickson said, is that he must look for a job located near infectious disease specialists, who are generally found only in metropolitan areas.

Erickson believes that his message is particularly important to Lawrence students because, "You're the future of the United States ... so I want this to be part of the Lawrence education. Students need to find their passion in life, and remember that there are others who are not as fortunate as you, and find ways to help other people as best you can."

internet explained

Emily Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Students and faculty members who returned to the Lawrence campus this past weekend most likely experienced feelings of frustration when their internet services were either down or very slow. Over the past few days, computer services has identified the main sources of the problem and staff members have been working overtime to fix it.

There are two different problems which ultimately combine to slow the network. The first problem, computer viruses, is one that students have been alerted to frequently, yet it still remains an issue. This is due to students not having up-to-date anti-virus software.

Students without anti-virus software are often unaware of the problems they create mainly because "viruses cause false traffic and run behind the scenes," explained user services manager Dana Rose-Schmalz.

Messages from computer Services have been sent out via e-mail and voice mail, urging students to get up-to-date anti-virus software. Students that already have anti-virus software are urged to make sure it is updated. Software that may have come with your computer, such as Norton, will require that you update your subscription, typically annually.

There is anti-virus software available free of charge from computer services, which students can download by going to www.lawrence.edu/dept/computer_services/av/.

Downloading the software takes little time and as long as you are on the Lawrence network and running Microsoft Windows, you will be protected from viruses. Those that use Norton distributed from Lawrence should remember that updates only occur when you are connected to the Lawrence network. For that reason, you may want to purchase your own anti-virus software or to use free anti-virus software such as AVG (www.grisoft.com/us/us_index.php).

The second problem concerns music downloading and game-playing on the network by students. When files are shared via music programs like Limewire or Kazaa, students risk bringing in viruses, spyware, and using up Lawrence's network bandwidth.

Michael Corbett, director of computer services, said, "Our internet connection has a capacity of 10 megabytes. A student downloading music can use a couple megabytes by themselves. We basically run out of bandwidth when numbers of students are engaged in that type of activity. We understand we're not going to eliminate the sharing of music so we need to get more sophisticated tools in place so that we can better ensure a responsive network."

Computer services has tracked down many of the sources of the viruses, which in all cases are PCs, and has been working with students to correct the problems. What students can do right now is make sure anti-virus software is up to date, and if they are without software, to download it from the Lawrence site.

Downer's Hilda

Betsy Winter
Staff Writer

When you walked into Downer for the first time this term, I'm sure you noticed a change in the lobby. If you reacted the way I did, it totally threw you off. However, one thing that hasn't changed is the person swiping our cards.

Hilda. We all know her, we all love her. She's been here at Lawrence for 14 years. Originally from Poland, Hilda first came to Lawrence with her daughter. They were in the business office taking care of tuition when someone said something about a job application. Hilda asked for one. Though she thought she'd be good at a library job, Hilda applied for the food services job. They called her back and, fortunately for us, she's been here, at her first American job, ever since. Hilda now lives in Kaukauna, about nine miles from Appleton, where Hilda's daughter works.

Hilda works during the week and

every other weekend. On average she gets about 200-250 students in for breakfast. Of course, some eat at Lucy's, the grill, or in their room. If you skip breakfast, Hilda doesn't blame you for sleeping in. Especially

since a lot more students roll in for lunch! And now that Lucinda's isn't serving dinner, most students come and see Hilda.

I'm sure if you ask anyone who works here at Lawrence what they like most about their job, almost all of them will say the students. Hilda is no exception. She enjoys seeing a lot of students

daily and she thinks we're so nice! And we all love to see a smiling face before we go stuff ours.

If you haven't visited Downer yet this term, go and see what Hilda got for Christmas: a new scanner to scan our cards! This one is smaller. This one is faster. This one should help reduce that incredibly long line at lunchtime on freshman studies days.

Facebook comes to Lawrence

Audrey Hull
Staff Writer

What, exactly, is the Lawrence Facebook? According to users, the Facebook offers opportunities to network with and search for friends. The Facebook's design mimics chance real-life encounters without ever having to meet people face to face.

Unlike the official Facebook, an online directory designed to connect people through social networks at various colleges, the Lawrence Facebook is currently limited to Lawrence students and alumni.

According to sophomore Gaby Szeinberg, the Facebook serves no real purpose because "Lawrence is small enough that you can easily meet people in person." Szeinberg did concede that searching through the Facebook provided her with distraction from homework. She pointed out that the Lawrence Facebook would be more enjoyable and serve a larger purpose were it connected to the official site.

Senior Rob Ryan noted that the Facebook facilitated his meeting new internet friends, adding that "with the

help of the Facebook, I've discovered some really cool chat rooms that I wouldn't have known about otherwise."

On a more serious note, Ryan observed that the Facebook would probably be more useful for alums looking to connect with old friends than for current LU students, although he also admitted that spying on people through the Facebook added greatly to his general entertainment.

Annie McCourt, a freshman, stated frankly that the Facebook had not assisted her with making new friends. She mentioned the popular site Downersucks.com, noting that the Facebook seemed like a poor imitation. However, she agreed that connecting to the official Facebook would make it more interesting.

Overall, the general impression was that the Lawrence Facebook in its current stage is basically useless, but it would gain significance were it to be associated with the official site. Since the Facebook is not a legitimate Lawrence site, it remains to be seen whether or not it will be added to the official Facebook.

Athletic director

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made up of teams from Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. The hockey team competes in the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association, and has teams from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. The wrestling team competes in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, comprised of University of Wisconsin State schools. Add this together along with a rich history of competing against former Midwest Conference rivals such as Carleton and St. Olaf in the

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Coe and Central in the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and Lawrence is one of the most recognized programs in the Midwest.

The search should be concluded, and the new full-time athletic director should be named by the end of second term. Tatro and Tharp will continue on leading two very strong Lawrence athletics programs, as they are still head coaches after their athletic director and assistant athletic director appointments are up.

Tsunami strikes

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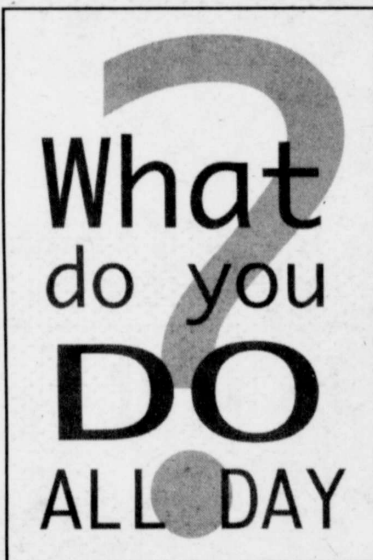
friends, but also, naturally, to the families and friends of other students from areas hit by the tsunami.

Although D'almeida knew that her family was staying in a city that was not affected, she still spent several nervous hours attempting to get through the jammed phone lines to Sri Lanka.

Though we are all shocked and saddened by the scenes of destruction from the tsunami, there are some sil-

ver linings. Tan and D'almeida can say, with relief, that their families and friends are safe.

Finally, as in any disaster, people here and in affected areas have come together to help as best they can. Says Tan, "I am indeed very touched by the concern people have shown me since the incident, and even more touched that so many people all over the world have responded to this disaster, and are eager to help those affected."



Inclement weather challenges travellers

Bonnie Alger
Staff Writer

Crowded airports. Delayed flights. Highway traffic jams. Slippery roads. Snow. Rain. Sleet. Ice. Ice. And more ice.

Traveling this holiday season, especially with regard to getting back to campus this term from the holiday break, proved more than interesting for some Lawrentians. Faced with bad weather of all kinds, several students slid into second term just in the nick of time.

Ben Hane, a junior, had a great time studying in Freiburg, Germany this past term. Coming back to the States should have been a piece of cake. After hours of waiting in the Cincinnati airport, he finally caught what was supposed to be the last flight out on the evening of December 22nd. Instead, the flight sat, "ready for take-off" for five hours, before being canceled at 3 a.m., with not a restaurant open or hotel room vacant in the entire city. After spending the night in the Cincinnati airport, Hane booked a flight for the next evening to Chicago. His flight in Chicago was delayed as well, and by the time he finally arrived home in Elgin, Ill., it was Christmas Eve.

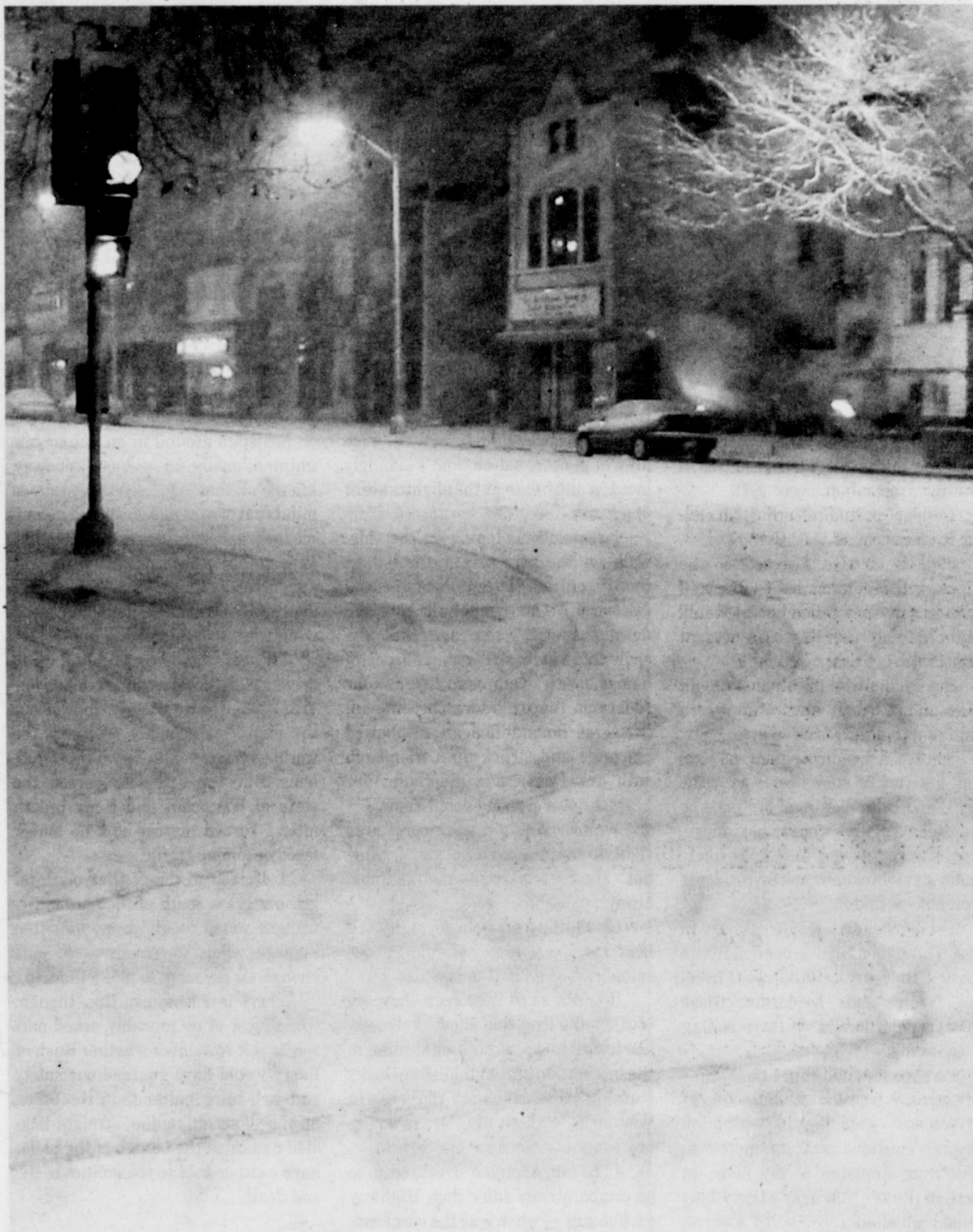
Sophomore Melody Ng of Hong Kong experienced difficulty going through customs on the way back to the United States. She missed her flight in Japan due to airport congestion, and was forced to wait an extra

two hours to catch the next plane to Chicago. However, arriving in the United States was not the end of her difficulties. "When I finally got to Chicago, my plane to Appleton was delayed for three hours, and we had to sit there waiting the whole time as they kept moving the delayed departure time further back," says Ng. She did not get back until Monday.

On Saturday morning, senior Ellen Jenne left Decatur, Ill., to head back to campus early so she could open the front desk at Kohler Hall on Sunday morning. The typical 5.5 hour drive ended up taking much longer for Jenne, as she first drove through two hours' worth of dense fog, followed by drizzle from Rockford, Ill., to Madison, Wis. Once she hit the highway, she drove through 15 to 20 minutes of freezing rain, with cars driving at speeds of 45 mph or less. Unfortunately for Jenne, the inclement weather proved too much for her car, as she lost control of the vehicle twice. She says of her arrival at the Highway 26 exit, "I had slowed down a considerable amount, but it wasn't enough to keep control of my car. I tried to break with as much ease as possible because I knew I didn't want to spin. My car ended up in the next lane on the highway, having run the stop sign." After that incident, she gradually slowed down to 10 to 15 mph, when she hit a patch of black ice. Jenne arrived in Appleton approximately eight hours after she left home.

Getting back in time for winter term: priceless.

Photos by Julian Poncet



Tim Ruberton



There is no greater issue facing campus government today than the severe lack of student involvement that has afflicted LUCC and its committees for the past year. Other issues, such as smoking halo legislation and student privacy (especially regarding e-mail), cannot be addressed when we do not have people — conscientious, committed people — in position to solve these problems. While our slowed system still leaves us with a higher efficiency rate than, say, the U.S. Congress, we can't continue in this vein.

As president, I will redouble the efforts I put forward as a member of LUCC's Committee on Committees to fill all seats on all campus committees, many of which were empty or under-filled at the start of the year, and will work to provide incentives for students who contribute their time to these important groups — it's not fair to ask a major commitment of time and effort while providing in return only a pat on the back and the pride of doing one's civic duty. I promise to resolve any issue facing the Council in a manner acceptable to all sides when possible, especially with regard to smoking halo rules; when compromise is not possible, I will make it possible. In all cases, I will work tirelessly to advance students' rights, and I am confident in my ability to adapt to any unforeseen issues that may face my administration. Thank you.

Chris Bowman



My name is Christopher Bowman, and I am running for LUCC vice president, along with presidential candidate Peter Snyder. As I was abroad first term this year, I would like to take this opportunity to outline some goals that I would pursue if elected. First, I would aim to continue Vice President Engineer's work with making the Budget Process easier to understand by removing more of the red tape surrounding it. Second, I hope to work with Res-Life toward allowing students to paint their rooms, with a security deposit paid in advance. Third, I would like to work to revise the Formal Group Housing regulations in order to discontinue discouraging groups from applying for housing. Through my work as Treasurer of Hall Councils and as the LUCC Finance Secretary, I believe that I am qualified to take over this position, and look forward to seeing you at Sunday's Candidate's Forum.

Peter Snyder



My name is Peter Snyder, and I am running for LUCC president, along with vice presidential candidate Christopher Bowman. There are three aspects of campus life that I would like to improve. First, I want to give students more choice in their living situations by allowing residents in certain dorms to paint their walls after paying a deposit, creating more co-ed-by-room housing, and allowing Greek residences to have two open beds a term. Second, I want to improve Food Services by ending the "freshman full meal plan" requirement and allowing grill credit to carry over terms. Third, I want to eliminate LUCC bureaucracy so that it can better respond to student needs. I believe my experiences as LUCC parliamentarian, a LUCC student representative, and a member of many student organizations would make me a good LUCC president.

Hey, Wisconsin, it's about time you got a snowplow

Peter Gillette
Editor in Chief

Jane Byrne was elected mayor of Chicago, Ill., in January of 1979.

Gender prejudice notwithstanding, it was no small feat. Byrne's victory shocked election forecasters who figured that incumbent Michael Bilandic (Byrne's former boss) would retain his seat atop the city's efficient Democratic political machine.

But even a well-oiled machine can be ground to a halt when Midwestern winters weigh in.

You see, a few days before the election, a series of snowstorms took the city — and Bilandic's road crews — by surprise. Traffic would not move. People were snowed in. Chaos likely would have broken out had residents been able to find it.

For Byrne, disaster struck just in time. Throughout her campaign, Byrne insisted that city services were overdue for reform. Evidently, those Chicagoans who slid to their polling places agreed.

Perhaps it is odd that I thought — between my frightened, white-knuckled prayers — of the 1979 Chicago mayoral election as I attempted to drive from Appleton to my home in exurban Illinois New Year's Day. But it crossed my mind.

You see, in 1986 my family moved to Waukegan, Ill., north of Chicago, from San Diego. I was a wee young lad afraid of snow. But the roads were always plowed, salted, and seemingly laced in antifreeze at the slightest hint of a flurry.

I remember slipping on the sidewalk on the way to our front door, though, until my father made a crucial discovery: One winter, he glanced down the street and saw that the snow-free sidewalks were in front of homes with campaign signs for Alderman Tenpas. Dad, an ardent supporter of Ronald Reagan, swallowed his pride and struck up a friendship with our Democratic alderman. For years, I never worried about snow.

We moved into a more rural area right around the time I began driving, but the roads remained, almost always, passable.

Go to Illinois, I believe, and you'll hear more people complaining about salted cars than half-mile skids.

It is not so in Wisconsin. January of 2002, the first "big snow," I remember trying to walk a friend of mine to the bus station and thanking my lucky stars I made it back. You see, in Wisconsin, I think they've given up any sense of urgency about this.

To be fair, Appleton streets seem to be comparatively safer than Highway 41, but still — when was the ice storm,

Saturday? Salt hasn't made its way to all of those new Ave. sidewalks.

Anyone who's almost fallen on ice, or, has spun around in an automobile unintentionally in a busy roadway, knows of that odd survival state of mind that slows time down and accommodates a disparate array of thoughts. Perhaps one of my thoughts, as my car joined the familiar Wisconsin winter dance with centripetal dominion, stood out for its moderate liberal guilt:

"It sure would be awful to have to drive a snowplow or salt truck on New Year's Day." I also tried to think about the many, many, many people in the world who faced infinitely larger problems. But I nonetheless cursed the state of Wisconsin under my breath after I turned my car so I no longer faced oncoming traffic.

I decided to forget that mythical greener grass south of the border, figuring it would cough up my forgotten luggage when the roads were safe enough for my mom to make the trip.

There is a lesson in this, though: while most of us probably asked ourselves last November whether Bush or Kerry would have guarded our safety and well-being better than the other, maybe those unfamiliar, straight-ticketed names on the bottom of the ballot have a closer hold to the politics of life and death.

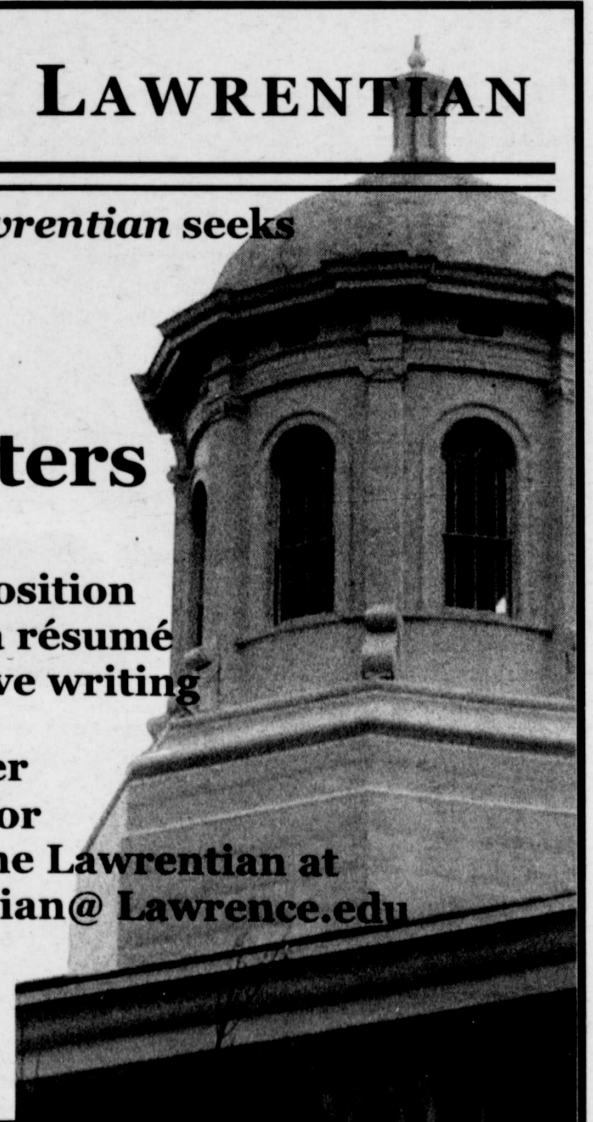
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STAFF EDITORIAL

The evil side of e-mail

In last term's final issue, we published a letter to the editor purported to be from Mike Burkhart, the vice president of Delta Tau Delta. Following its publication, we have learned that Burkhart was not the author of the letter. The published letter does not represent the views of Burkhart or the views of his fraternity, and we therefore retract the letter in full.

The situation occurred in the following manner. An unknown individual sent the letter through a third party email account to *The Laurentian*, and "signed" it in Burkhart's name. Since our editorial policy at the time assumed the validity of all submitted letters — and because we do not have the resources to perform background checks — we assumed that the letter was genuine. We discovered the error a few days after publication, and then acted immediately to remedy it.

The letter was pulled from our website, and Peter Gillette and William Dalsen met with Burkhart and Dean Truesdell to discuss the situation. At our request, Truesdell evaluated the situation and decided that this was a violation of our computer use policy and has asked computer services to attempt to trace the email to its original sender.

While we, along with many in our community, have reservations regarding the use of email tracing, we felt that this violation — the theft of a fellow student's identity in order to damage him — was significant enough to justify a principled use of that resource, especially since this abuse was a violation of recorded university policy — unlike the situation regarding the Senior Streak email.

Regrettably, the reliability of this process has now come under question, and it is quite possible that the imposter will not be discovered or held accountable for his or her actions.

In response to this error, *The Laurentian* has changed its editorial policy, as reflected in the masthead. Letters to the editor must now be accompanied by the author's phone number so that we can attempt to confirm that the person who signed the article actually wrote the article. In the event that an author cannot be contacted by phone before our deadline, we will not publish the article.

This error is primarily the consequence of the unprecedented abuse of the trust between this newspaper and a member of our community. We have never had a situation in which an individual stole the identity of another in order to submit any article to our newspaper, nor have we had grounds to believe that such a situation would occur. We regret this error, but it is our hope that our new editorial policy will ensure both that the submissions to this newspaper are genuine and also that our authors will not be unreasonably hindered from expressing their views.

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LUCC Endorsement

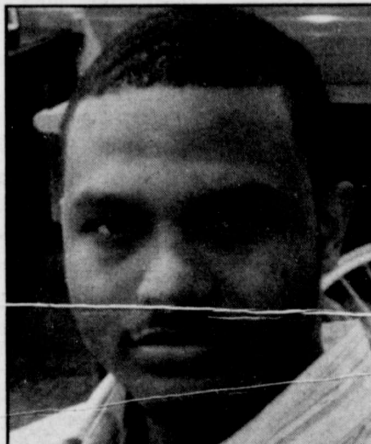
LUCC elections for president and vice president will be held at the beginning of next week, and while both candidates for president have admirable goals, *The Laurentian* has chosen to endorse Pete Snyder.

Snyder has been a constant presence in LUCC for the past two years, and has performed very well as a representative, committee chair, and parliamentarian. While we believe that Snyder will do well as LUCC president, we do have a few words of caution. Several students are indeed concerned with the "freshman full meal plan" and the bloated LUCC bureaucracy, but Tim Ruberton's focus on a stronger, more effective LUCC with full committees and dedicated representatives is crucial to the success of any agenda. Given the state of LUCC during this year, Snyder would do well not to ignore the writing on the wall by covering it with a new coat of paint.

We encourage all Lawrentians to vote this Monday through Wednesday, and wish Snyder the best of luck.

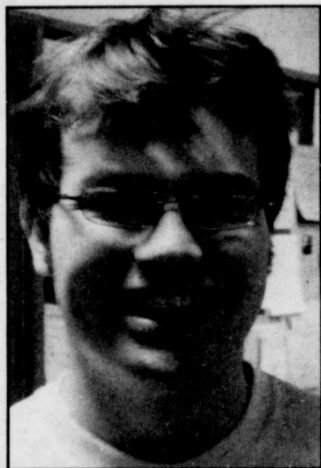
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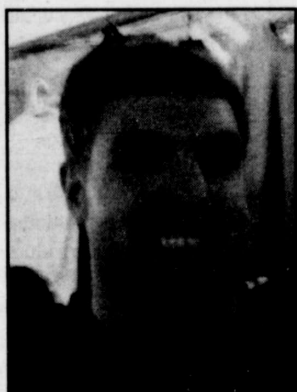
"Preparing to run against Jill Beck in the next election."
—Joel Rogers

"I got a stomach bug on Christmas Eve."
—Jocelyn Greenbaum



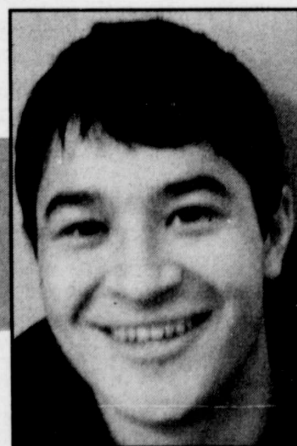
"Men's frisbee practice is at 9:30 Sunday at the Rec Center."
—Aaron Jubb

"I aired my grievances and had a few wrestling takedowns with my rowdy family in Milwaukee, Wisconsin."
—Meara Levezow



"I drank sparkling grape juice and then went to bed at 7:30 because my parents told me to."
—Matt Stackpole

"It's Festivus for the rest of us."
—Andrew Wong

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Welcome to the world of tomorrow

Paul Karner
Staff Writer

My first realization came in early November while I was busy typing an article for *The Lawrentian* and my computer started talking to me. When I had finished scratching my head and inspecting the wires attached to me computer, feeling a little bit like the puzzled apes in "2001: A Space Odyssey," I realized it was actually my friend Tim from Chicago talking to me on AOL iChat, a program that allows you to literally chat over instant messenger with any computer equipped with a microphone.

So that was it for me; it wasn't flat screen TVs, camera phones, or even the buy-and-sell-your-life-on-eBay craze. It took a conversation with my computer for me to realize we had arrived. The elusive "Future" is here, and now that it's 2005 let's take a look at the fruits of our technological age.

First on the list is the T-Mobile Sidekick. It's essentially a phone equipped with wireless web access,

instant messenger, calendar/day planner, camera, and a kick-ass game of asteroids. The asteroids game is pretty much the same as it's always been, except it's souped up with Sega-esque 32-bit graphics. Speaking as the high score holder on my friend's Sidekick, I suggest you only use the thrust when absolutely necessary because once you start moving you can't stop, which opens a can of worms of keeping steady while shooting the asteroids. The uses of this mini-computer are limitless, clearly enough to change the way we view computers.

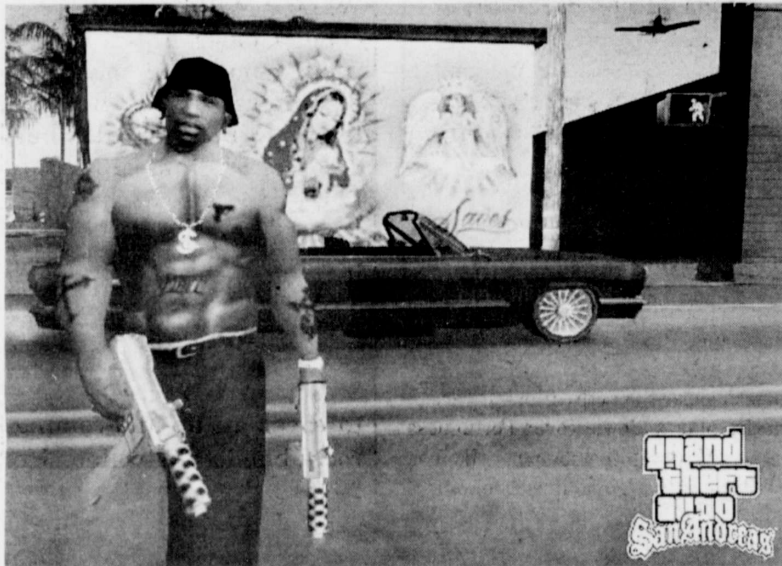
Another technological wonder of the 21st century is the DVD boxed set. Thanks to brilliant digital video technology, I now don't have to rearrange my schedule to accommodate the 24-hour "Law and Order" marathons. I can catch the first five minutes anytime I want. It's such an inconvenience when you miss the initial murder and you're trying to piece together what happened based on the smartass comments the detectives make.

Who knows, perhaps one day these

box sets will serve as a digital testament to the long-lost riches of our TV nation, sort of like an attractively packaged Rosetta stone. If anything, it's just nice to know that the first season of "The Swan" will never be forgotten.

As far as video games go, a good deal of my Christmas season was spent running over police officers to evade arrest, killing prostitutes to get my money back, and sportin' my cullas to earn respect with my posse. Thousands of kids each year major in computer engineering, and games like "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" show that they are putting all that scholarship money to good use. My biggest qualm with this real-life game of the so-called criminal underground is that the bazooka takes too much time to lock onto cop cars when they're driving at you. I got busted so many times because of that.

Overall 2005 is looking promising, full of more technological wonders to enhance our daily lives, but for now I'm going to go check out the new iPod. I hear it holds over 10⁶⁹ songs.



Flutist and breathing expert here Sunday

Meghan McCallum
Staff Writer

This Sunday, January 9, flutist Keith Underwood will grace Lawrence with his presence in a recital at Harper Hall, accompanied by pianist and Lawrence alum Barb Lee.

Underwood is not only a distinguished flute player and teacher, he is also "known nationally, and to some extent internationally, as an expert on breathing," says flute professor Ernestine Whitman.

He often instructs singers across America and gives workshops at Julliard and other top-notch music schools. According to Whitman, Underwood's teaching style is connected to the Arnold Jacobs school of breathing. Jacobs, long-time principal tubist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, developed a groundbreaking approach to breathing known

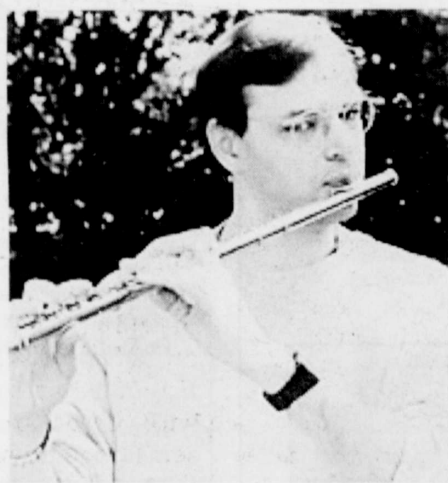


Photo courtesy of nyu.edu
Keith Underwood performs Sunday in Harper Hall.

around the world as "Song and Wind."

"[Underwood] has an uncanny ability to watch someone play and figure out where their tension is," Whitman says. "He can make a real difference right on the spot."

Underwood graduated from the Yale School of Music in 1976. Lee, in addition to graduating from Lawrence, has a degree from the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College. Both Underwood and Lee live in New York.

Sunday's recital will include works by Bach and Dvorak, and will conclude with a short piece by former Lawrence professor John Harman, a well-known composer.

Nothing puts an end to our first weekend back like a flute recital! Come see Keith Underwood and Barb Lee this Sunday at 4:30 in Harper Hall. Underwood will conduct a breathing master class in Harper Hall at 7:30 p.m.



Photos courtesy of (from left to right) rockstargames.com, t-mobile.com and Julian Poncet

ArtsBridge program prepares for take-off

Amy Siebels
Managing Editor

Carrie Campbell, a senior, has interests that vary widely. She is an environmental studies major and a studio art minor. This summer, while working at a nature center, she discovered that she also loves teaching. She had no way to meld all her interests into one capstone senior project.

Then Campbell discovered ArtsBridge. The program, which President Jill Beck brought to Lawrence this year, sends college students into local schools to teach a program that integrates the arts with the regular curriculum.

Campbell was one of about 25 students who applied and one of 14 selected to complete the program, which lasts from January to June and requires at least 25 contact hours. The scholars receive a stipend to spend on their projects, as well as a personal monetary award.

Campbell will work with the art teacher at the Academy, a new charter school that currently serves about 36 students. The school includes kindergarten through sixth grade, plus ninth grade.

Campbell's program will integrate environmental awareness and what she calls "sculpture through found objects." She hopes to take her students outside to find things in nature that can become art back in the classroom.

For Campbell, the goals of the project are to help kids develop an "environmental conscience," and to get them involved in the community. She also hopes to learn

a little herself. "It's really interesting to see what cool things they come up with," she said.

Erin Sullivan, a bassoon player with a self-designed major in the Romantic era, hopes to incorporate music and math in her ArtsBridge kindergarten classroom at Clovis Grove Elementary. Sullivan's project is called "Music and Math through Movement." In her class, children will listen to classical music, learn to recognize beats, and eventually make some music of their own.

"I think it's important to realize that not only can they be a part of music, but they can make music," Sullivan said.

Sullivan has several ideas for gearing her project to young students. She wants to let the children create their own lyrics through games, introduce them to new instruments, and generally get them excited about music.

"What's great about this program," Sullivan said, "is that you're showing kids how they can incorporate music into their everyday life."

The details of Sullivan's project are flexible. All ArtsBridge scholars will meet with their host teachers and work out a curriculum that is tailored to their students' needs. They will go through four orientation meetings to learn more about ArtsBridge and to customize their project plans. On Jan. 18 they can start teaching.

The ArtsBridge scholars hope the program will be as exciting for them as it will be for the children.

"This is my outlet," said Sullivan, "and a chance for me to be a kid and have fun."



Brad Lindert
Rock Columnist

I Got My Name From Rock and Roll Best Songs of 2004

13. "I Went All Over Town" – The Magnetic Fields. The best song ever written about sad clowns walking the lonely streets at night.

12. "Mississauga Goddam" – The Hidden Cameras. Anybody who has ever had to pretend that they were someone else will appreciate this song about leaving one's hometown.

11. "Slow Jamz" – Kanye West with Jamie Foxx and Twista. This is almost too tight for words.

10. "(I Don't Know What's Going) On" – The Cure. The Cure shows signs of their better years. Robert screams and "doo doo doo"s over a great poppy Brit tune.

9. "Hoist the Rag" – Tom Waits. Is it the great lead guitar line, the trashcan lid percussion or the gravely distorted lead vocals? Try all of them.

8. "Float On" – Ben Lee. Where Modest Mouse's version seems like a rally cry to the masses, Ben's quieter piano and acoustic driven version sounds like he's telling a lover that they will float on.

7. "Theologians" – Wilco. More perfect pop roots rock from the guys that are quickly becoming the best thing to happen to music in the last 20 years.

6. "Your Belgian Things" – The Mountain Goats. A great intimate portrait of a man watching people move out his lover/friend's stuff.

5. "Suitcase Calling" – The Polyphonic Spree. This song is a sonic trip over eight minutes long. This is a perfect slice of an amazing album.

4. "Leaving New York" – REM. This song shows that REM is back from a two-album slump. Contains the best lyric of the year: "It's easier to leave than to be left behind."

3. "Builds the Bone" – The Hidden Cameras. The melody is amazing, the lyrics are great: "if I fall, I'll aim my feet at you." And the strings are so lush you could kiss them.

2. "Leave an Open Door" – Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers. Roger and his band have done amazing songs before, but only one other song compares to this ("Buffalo" from "Sonora Hope & Madness"). I can't decide what the best part is, but it doesn't really matter. This song is a masterpiece.

1. "It's Only Time" – The Magnetic Fields. Stephin Merrit opens singing "Why would I stop loving you/ a hundred years from now?/ It's only time." Over amazing piano, acoustic guitar and brushed drums, it culminates in the beautiful lines "I walk your lands/ And swim your seas/ Marry me." Glockenspiel is added and silvertone guitar takes the lead and raises this love song to a height that means it will stay ahead forever. Anytime I will fall in-love in the future I will think of this song.

Guest soloists team up with LU jazz trio

Joe Pfender
Staff Writer

Three familiar faces around the conservatory will join two new ones on Wednesday night. The Lawrence Jazz Trio will play in Harper Hall at 8 p.m. on the 12th, along with two guests, saxophonist Wayne Escoffery and vocalist Carolyn Leonhart.

The Lawrence Jazz Trio — Matthew Turner on cello and piano, Dane Richeson on drums, and Mark Urness on bass — performs regularly on campus, including an extensive performance in Prof. Richeson's recital last term.

Leonhart, the daughter of jazz bassist Jay Leonhart, is an extremely successful performer in a competitive field. She started singing early, and by 16 she had made an appearance at the Blue Note jazz club. She is coming to Lawrence just after completing a tour of Germany, Switzerland and the

Netherlands with her band, Lyn Leon, as a guest with Al Jarreau. Her new CD, "New 8th Day," is scheduled for release in February of this year.

Escoffery is 6 feet 4 inches tall, weighs in at 200 pounds, and has appeared in the TV show "Oz," as well as a Pfizer industrial film and a Mitsubishi ad. He also has an impressive music resume, holding diplomas from the Hartt School and the New England Conservatory, as well as having recorded with the Mingus big band on "Tonight at Noon," with Eric Reed on "Happiness," and as a leader on two CDs — Times Change (2001) and Intuition (2004). His shoe size is 13/14.

This event promises to be musically rewarding for all comers. The LU Jazz Trio will provide a reliable yet flexible backdrop for two first-rate soloists, and the synthesis of their creative energies will be nothing if not unique and exciting.



Wayne Escoffery and Carolyn Leonhart will perform in Harper Hall January 12.

"The Life Aquatic" is another hit for Anderson

Reid Stratton
Arts and Entertainment Editor

If you are already a fan of director Wes Anderson's other films "Bottle Rocket," "Rushmore," and "The Royal Tenenbaums," then the chances are pretty high that you'll like "The Life Aquatic" too. Anderson employs a lot of the same subtlety for which he is so well known, but we also get a few new and striking additions in this film.

The film centers on what is bound to be the once-famous oceanographer and documentary maker Steve Zissou's (Bill Murray) last voyage. He sets out to sea with his usual crew, plus a man he has just met, Ned Plimpton, (Owen Wilson) who may be his son. The purpose of this mission is to find and kill the shark that killed Zissou's best friend.

This film is certainly the most fanciful of any of Anderson's work to date. Perhaps the most interesting touch is the approach to the fish that Zissou comes across. No real fish are named or seen in the film, only ones invented for this movie. Since these fish don't

exist in real life, Anderson chose to use animation to include them in the film. Though we don't see a lot of animation, it is just enough fantasy to project the entire film into another universe alto-

The main conflict is between Zissou and his newly discovered son, Ned. Though their relationship starts off well, a wedge is driven between them by — what else — a woman.



photo courtesy of boxofficeprophets.com

gether. There are a few other scenes that seem to be from another world, including a bloated Murray in a bathrobe single-handedly gunning down a ship full of pirates.

The story itself is a delicate one that is based almost solely on the relationships between the characters, much like "The Royal Tenenbaums."

Specifically, Jane Winslett-Richardson (Cate Blanchett), a journalist who is covering Zissou's last voyage. The real charm of the movie, however, comes from the minor characters. My personal favorite is Klaus, played by Willem Defoe, who at times almost steals the show with his hilarious and often endearing performance.

And of course, what would a Wes Anderson movie be without an awesome soundtrack? Most of the music comes from David Bowie, but was translated into Portuguese and played on acoustic guitar. On of the characters, Pelé (Seu Jorge), does almost nothing else the entire film but periodically play a Bowie cover Portuguese style. Mark Mothersbaugh, who has written the original music for all of other Anderson films, is back again, and has clearly joined the 8-bit revolution, composing most of his music for MIDI keyboard. The music is as creative as ever, but unfortunately doesn't work that well in the context of the film.

Anderson's movies are very difficult to compare to one another, so I won't even bother, but I will say that "The Life Aquatic" has a lot to offer. Though it does ramble ever so slightly. The visual gags, the writing, and the superb acting make this film an excellent choice for this — the dreariest time of the year. You might as well spice it up by watching a movie set in the tropics. A-

Hockey winless over winter break

Alex Weck
Sports Writer

LU hockey's win column remained stagnant between terms, as they were defeated three times.

An away-home series with the conference-leading Milwaukee School of Engineering brought little happiness to the second-place Vikings. Losses of 7-1 and 2-1 forced Lawrence to wait until the second-to-last series of the year for another shot at pole position.

This past weekend, the Vikes fell to strong competition from UW-Stevens

Point 6-3. UWSP is a strong competitor from the neighboring NCHA, a consistently strong conference.

This weekend LU hosts the yearly doubleheader against St. Olaf College. In an attempt to gain more diverse support, this scribe is billing the series between the two highest academically-ranked and musically-oriented Midwestern hockey schools as "The Meeting of Music and Minds."

Games are at 7:30 on Friday and 2:00 on Saturday. Conservatory students attending the game will be given a prize at the door. Go on, I dare you.

Res Hall Review

Films found at your dorm's desk

by Reid Stratton
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Almost Famous (2000)

Running Time: 122 min.
Stars: Patrick Fugit, Kate Hudson, Billy Crudup
Found at: Plantz

When William Miller's (Fugit) older sister leaves their home, she makes a big impression on him by leaving behind all her records. William grows up living and breathing rock music, despite the warnings of his over-protective and totally un-cool mother. William aspires to be a rock critic, and gets his big break when he is assigned to cover an up-and-coming rock band, Stillwater. He follows them on their tour and falls in love with Penny (Hudson), in a coming-of-age movie set against the rock revolution of the '70s.

Comments: The weakest part of this film is the overall premise. There just isn't enough body to the story to really fill out two hours of film. There are so many conflicts that come and go and come again that we never get a chance to get emotionally attached to any of the characters. Instead, we are tossed around between tensions that rise inside the band, between the band and William, between William and Penny, and between Penny and the band. Plus mom keeps popping her head in from time to time. Fugit does a tolerable job, though he sometimes fades in and out of stiff delivery, and Hudson's character is too annoying to fall in love with. If you are looking for some good music and a little background noise, then check this movie out. If not, then leave it on the shelf. C

The Cask of Amontillado

by Edgar Allan Poe

Serial Installment XII of this public domain classic of American literature

I broke and reached him a flagon of De Grève. He emptied it at a breath. His eyes flashed with a fierce light. He laughed and threw the bottle upwards with a gesticulation I did not understand.

I looked at him in surprise. He repeated the movement — a grotesque one.

"You do not comprehend?" he said.

"Not I," I replied.

"Then you are not of the brotherhood."

"How?"

"You are not of the masons."

"Yes, yes," I said, "yes, yes."

"You? Impossible! A mason?"

"A mason," I replied.

"A sign," he said.

"It is this," I answered, producing a trowel from beneath the folds of my roquelaire.

"You jest," he exclaimed, recoiling a few paces. "But let us proceed to the Amontillado."

"Be it so," I said, replacing the tool beneath the cloak, and again offering him my arm. He leaned upon it heavily. We continued our route in search of the Amontillado. We passed through a range of low arches, descended, passed on, and descending again, arrived at a deep crypt, in which the foulness of the air caused our flambeaux rather to glow than flame.

End Installment XII of XXXIII

I hear there's enough carbon in the human body to make 1000 pencils.
What the hell do I do with 1000 pencils?



Tariq Engineer
Sports Columnist

Around the Bases Back-to-Back

The 2005 Orange Bowl was hyped as the undisputed game of the year. It had the two top ranked teams in the nation, both of them undefeated, both of them worthy of a national title. It was going to be a heavyweight battle, possibly one for the ages. Only somebody forgot to give the teams a copy of the script.

Led by Heisman winner Matt Leinart, USC rolled over Oklahoma 55-19. It was Oklahoma's worst defeat under Coach Stoops. The game was effectively over at the half with USC up 38-10. Leinart was 18-35 in throwing for 332 yards and five touchdowns. The five touchdowns set a new Orange Bowl record, and ended any lingering doubts about his Heisman worthiness.

His performance was in sharp contrast to last year's Heisman winner, Jason White. White looked in control during Oklahoma's 92-yard opening drive, capped by a touchdown pass to Travis Wilson. It put the Sooners up 7-0, but once USC evened the score, White appeared to lose his composure. He seemed to want to make things happen, perhaps to overcome the memory of last year's championship game. The result was two quick interceptions, one the result of throwing into quintuple coverage. It took the Trojans only 10 minutes and 10 seconds to go from being down 7-0 to being up 28-7. There was no way back for the Sooners after that.

The Trojans defense also did a marvelous job containing Adrian Peterson. Peterson struggled for every one of his 82 yards, which came from 25 attempts. More often than not he was stopped either at the line of scrimmage, or just beyond it, as the Trojan defense closed down the running lanes superbly. Peter's inability to break into the open field put more pressure on the Sooners' passing game, which simply wasn't up to the task.

USC now has back-to-back national football titles. More importantly they don't have to share this one. This time they proved they are the undisputed number one team in the country. Just ask Oklahoma.

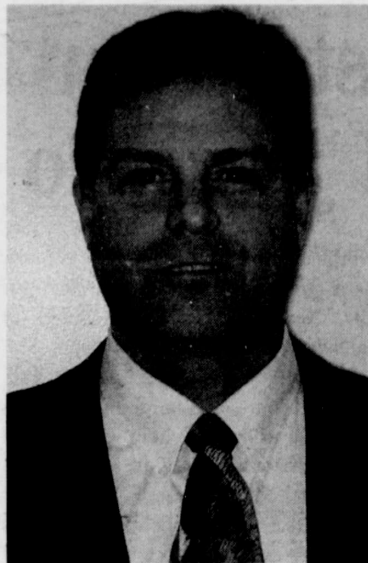
Vikings score new football coach

Andy York
Sports Editor

Lawrence University athletic director Kim Tatro announced over winter break that the Vikings have hired Chris Howard to be the new football coach for Lawrence. Howard, an Appleton native, comes to LU from MWC rival St. Norbert, where he led the Green Knights' defense the past three years. In that time, the Green Knights won

three straight MWC crowns and the conference's first-ever NCAA playoff game.

Howard has coaching experience at all three divisions of NCAA football. He coached as a graduate assistant at both the University of Utah and Southern Illinois, and was both offensive and defensive coordinator at Southern Utah. Due to press deadlines, an interview with Coach Howard did not make this issue of *The Lawrentian*, but you can read the exclusive interview in next week's edition.



After CA, Vikes eye records

Andy York
Sports Editor

The 10th-ranked Viking men's basketball team won their first game of the Tom Byron Classic in Santa Barbara, California over winter break by demolishing Lewis and Clark College, but lost a tight barnburner to the host, Westmont College, in the finale.

The Vikings completely dominated Lewis and Clark in the opener of the Tom Byron Classic. The Vikings used a 29-3 run late in the first half to take an overwhelming 39-11 lead at the half. The Vikings eased up in the second half and cruised to an easy 71-40 win. LU was led by freshman Andy Hurley who finished with 14 points. Kyle MacGillis, the other Viking scorer in double figures, had 11. Every player on the Vikings bench got playing time.

The Vikings took on the host Westmont, a NAIA school from Division I,

in the final. The Vikings only shot 38 percent in the first half, and found themselves down 10 at the half 28-18. The Vikings shooting did not get much better in the second half, and when they needed three-point shots to drop, they were nowhere to be found.

The Vikes shot an atrocious 3-21 from behind the arc in the game, and Westmont would have their lead cut to two with just under three minutes remaining, but a three-pointer by Kyle Bechler brought the lead back up to five and out of range for LU, which lost 52-46. Dan Evans led Lawrence in the game with 11 points, and Brendan Falls added 10 for LU.

The Vikings will restart their quest for a second straight MWC crown this weekend when they reopen the conference schedule against Beloit. Both LU coach John Tharp and LU All-American Chris Braier will be in search of career records.

Tharp, with a win, will break Art Denney's all time wins record as coach of the LU men's basketball team. Tharp tied the record with the win over Lewis and Clark. His career record of 151-93, and its resulting .619 winning percentage is the highest for any LU coach with at least 25 victories.

Braier should easily break Brad Child's career record for rebounds. Child's record is 731, and Braier comes into tomorrow's game only one behind that number. Though only a junior, Braier is making his way up the point-scoring list as well. The Vikings will have their home MWC opener Tuesday night at 7:30 against the Green Knights of St. Norbert.

It's Greek Night at the game, so all fraternity and sorority members who wear letters will be entered into a drawing to compete in a contest at halftime. For those fans who can't make it, the game will be broadcast and webcast on 91.1 WLFM.

LU women split pair in Texas

Andy York
Sports Editor

The Lawrence University women's basketball team split a pair of games in Texas over winter break. The Vikings led at the half, but lost to ninth-ranked Trinity 78-65, and the Vikings defeated Texas Lutheran 69-61.

The Vikings had a 34-32 lead over ninth ranked Trinity, but couldn't hang on as Trinity went on a 17-0 run in the second half to take a 15-point lead and control the rest of the game. The Vikings were trying to get their second Top Ten upset of the season, having already upset UW-Stevens Point when they were ranked

number four in the country this November.

Junior Claire Getzoff led the Vikings in the game against Trinity. She scored 26 points and was 6-10 from behind the three-point arc. Felicita Porrata added 16 for LU, and she was a perfect 8-8 from the free-throw stripe.

In the game against Texas Lutheran, the Vikings led the entire first half. It was tight however, and LU only took a two-point lead into the half, 24-22. Texas Lutheran fought back, and took their largest lead of the game, nine points with 13:33 remaining. However the Vikings fought back under the senior leadership of Porrata. The women took a nine-point

deficit to a 13-point lead in just over 10 minutes, and LU won 69-61. Porrata finished with 21 for the game. She also had eight rebounds and four blocked shots. Three other Vikings were in double figures, Getzoff with 12, Carrie Van Groll with 11 and Kelly Mulcahy with 10.

Porrata and the rest of the Vikings are back in action restarting the MWC season this weekend at Beloit. The Vikings will have their conference home opener Tuesday night at home at 5:30 against St. Norbert. Porrata only needs 45 points to become the first Viking to have ever recorded over 1000 points and 500 rebounds in a career. Catch the St. Norbert game live on 91.1 WLFM.

Lawrence University

SCORE BOARD

Men's basketball Dec 29

Lewis and Clark 40
Lawrence 71

Dec 30

Westmont 52
Lawrence 46

Women's basketball

Dec 17

#9 Trinity 78
Lawrence 65

Dec 19

Texas Lutheran 61
Lawrence 69

Hockey

Jan 2

UW-Stevens Point 6
Lawrence 3

Wrestling

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Lawrence 2-5

STANDINGS

Men's basketball

Ripon	3-0	9-1
Lake Forest	2-0	6-3
Grinnell		1-0 4-4
Monmouth	1-1	4-4
St. Norbert	1-1	4-5
Carroll	0-0	5-2
Knox	0-1	4-4
Lawrence	0-1	5-2
Beloit	0-2	3-6
Illinois C.	0-2	4-5

Women's basketball

Ripon	2-0	7-2
Illinois College	1-0	6-2
Lake Forest	1-0	4-4
St. Norbert	1-0	3-5
Carroll	0-0	1-6
Knox	0-0	2-4
Grinnell	0-1	4-4
Lawrence	0-1	6-2
Monmouth	0-1	2-7
Beloit	0-2	2-6

Hockey

MSOE	7	0	1	20
Lawrence	5	3	0	14
Finlandia	4	3	1	14
Marian	4	3	1	10
Northland	2	6	0	6
UM Crookston	1	7	0	4

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The Decline of College Football: BCS

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The current state of postseason play in college football is harming the sport. College football has gone away from its staples and ventured into a new era. All its purest rivalries and legions of undying fans have become secondary to the almighty dollar. Winning in college football has changed. The amateur status of the student athlete is difficult to defend after reviewing the bastion of evidence exposing its illegitimacy.

When an aspiring program sets its sights on a successful season, a national audience at some point is required. Under the current format, programs that excel in both their conference and non-conferences schedule receive bids to play in nationally televised games. With this bid comes a bountiful amount of attention to

the school. Great revenues are created by this attention. Many parties prosper greatly because of said success.

Head football coaches are then in turn under enormous pressures to win. Millions of dollars are potentially on the line with every season. They, in turn, pass this attitude of winning being more important than the simple purity of football to their recruits. The recent alleged recruiting scandals of Ohio State and Colorado should open the eyes of the common fan.

Talented high school players are treated as gods and are opened up to a world similar to that of a celebrity. I do not need proof to confirm my suspicions of wrongdoing. It is clear that prime-time players receive special treatment. And why not? They are the ones that the NCAA is selling every time the Nokia Sugar Bowl or the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl is played. If the NCAA wishes to maintain

its amateur status, change is necessary. Take the power away from the fortune seekers.

The broadcasting rights along with the advertising rights generate billions of dollars every year. Yet Larry Fitzgerald can only receive compensation for his likeness on the cover of "EA Sports 2005 NCAA Football" after he is officially through with his "amateur status." When I bought a copy of that game, I was buying college football. That the NCAA approves of its name appearing in the title is clear; the product is stained with its official logos. The NCAA is selling college football.

A playoff system is the only true solution to the NCAA's postseason woes. Tough luck to Nokia and Tostitos, marketing will have to find another means of peddling their products to the working man. A change from the Bowl system would also solve the glaring errors in the

Bowl Championship Series' attempts to declare a legitimate national champion.

To be the best, a team should prove its worth by beating everyone else, not by getting excessive love from sportswriters who need news to validate their existence. Auburn and Utah and a host of other powerhouses proved their worthiness of a title shot. Take the fervor created by the NCAA basketball tournaments; some would say it is near the pinnacle of sports. And college football could easily challenge that with a similar system.

The BCS is now slowly degrading college football. A standard playoff system is the only alternative to this money-grubbing approach. What should be more important to the NCAA, content CEOs assured of large marketing contracts, or protecting the student athlete from being exploited? I believe that the current BCS system for postseason play is challenging the legitimacy of the game.

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